

Grantell Smith "STRIVING TO EXCEL, NOT TO EQUAL ... To equal seems to mean only accepting that which was already given and typically set ... But, to excel is to defy all standards and odds; to break quotas and make individual marks of success . . . Hopefully, the signatures that surround this passage are signatures of dedicated persons who want to create their own academic limits and career boundaries. These signatures also mean that you as an individual have pledged your life as a person of color to end the secret plights against your people and to expand new dimensions for younger sisters and brothers of color. Also, your signatures say that you will one day hang-up mere, trivial myths about our Afrocentricism, your personal sexuality, and your relationship with your spirit. We all know that our fore parents were brain-washed and destructively trained with these myths which has led to our present tyranny. We must always remember from whence we come and never forget how far we still have not gone to continue the struggle. It is quite evident, yet never mentioned, that Black people have no limits. If you call yourself "Black, Negro, Afro-American, African . . . ", you have accepted great responsibility and royalty upon your shoulders. There is nothing you cannot make possible. NOT ANYTHING!! Whether our counterparts believe it or not, if we people of color ever discovered means of leaving our earthly domains at any given moment with intentions of never returning, the world as we know it would financially and physically waste away—puff. So, with all this in mind, I ORDER you (I could have been a king, but they made me a slave ...) to challenge the world both living and dead to a dual to success. Yearbooks capture life, the pursuit of success, and words worth comprehending. Mr. Kim K. Journigan Assistant Editor-in-Chief Le Diable Bleu Yearbook, '94

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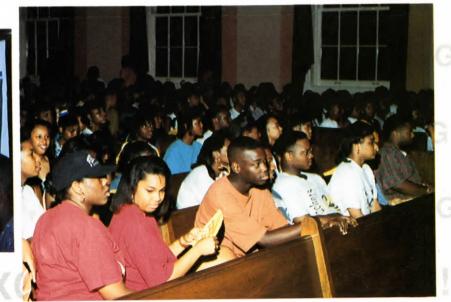
# Striving to Excel ...

Michelle A. Joubert Editor-In-Chief Kim K. Journigan and Nyala
Jackson
Assistant Editors
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Not to Equal!!









# Dillard University Students Involved And Beyond

Striving to excel ...

Do you hear us coming ... tap, tap ... step, step ...

We the men and women of Dillard University, are marching in the army of success. We are fighting constant battles with unforseen enemies called stress, procrastination, and fatigue. We are climbing Mt. Academia, slipping occasionally, but holding on sternly to each rock of knowledge. When we rise to the top, we will proudly raise our torches of wisdom.

We are striving to excel.

Tara T. Green

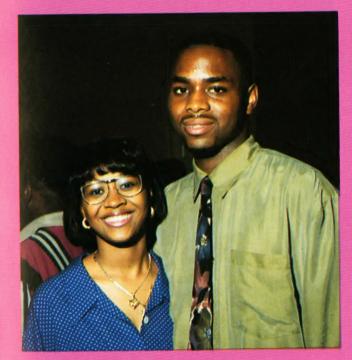
Not to equal ...

Academically Excellent, Culturally Diverse, Community Oriented, Talented, Growing, and Goal Reaching . . . that is what I call the average Dillard University Student. Equalling someone else's goals, was once the main objective in our lives. Our new motto is "Why equal when you have the potential to excel". By grasping our inner strengths, holding onto goals and values already instilled, and opening our fresh minds to new and improved ideas we are able to do the unexpected, reach the impossible, and excel in life instead of equal.

Chaundria J. Harris



Dillard students shine in our community.



Dillard students attend a seminar.



Peer Counselors getting the year started.

# In touch with the times ...



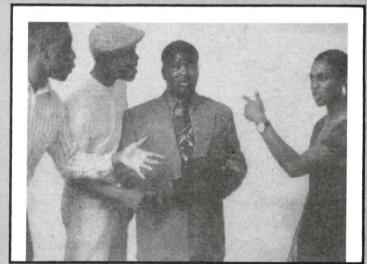
Dance Time Going back to our heritage



Music Time I hear a symphony



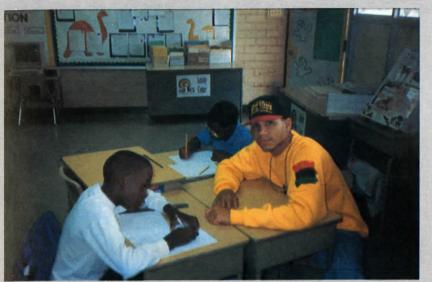
Winning Time Victory ... How sweet!!



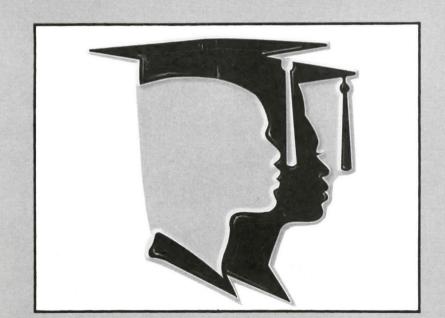
Drama Time "The Piano Lesson"



Role Model Time Dr. Morris F. Jeff



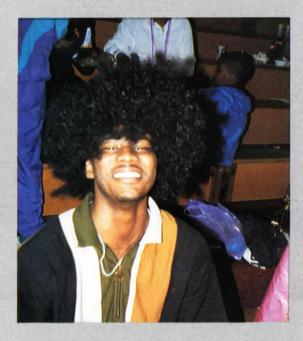
Game Time Fans supporting the Devils



Graduation Time The Ultimate goal

Tutor Time
"Each one Teach one"

Barber Time News Flash Afro's are back

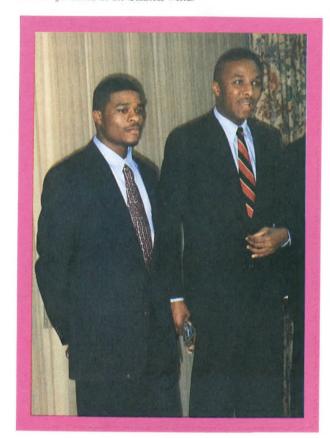




Tea Time Sharing memories with friends



Dressing for success, these Dillard Blue Devils show other Blue Devils how to get ahead in the business world.



Versatility and fun contribute to Excellence

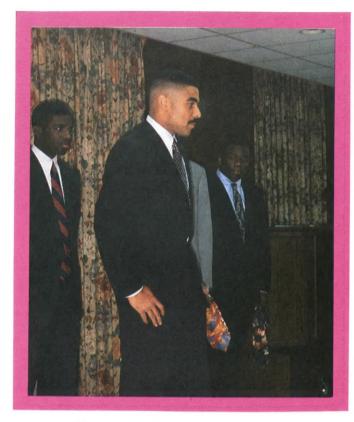
"The Career Fairs, Dress for Success

Fashion Shows, and the Business Division's Transportation Lecture Series

contribute to our educational growth." Rhonda D. Jones



Dressing for success



African American Males sponsor a fashion show



Opening our minds to the future

Open for

business

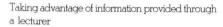
"The career placement office holds the key to summer programs, internships, and careers for many students at Dillard."

Jason K. Bruno



Dillard students take advantage of recruiters at career

A lecturer explains an important issue







SHADES OF

KIMBERLY ANNE GEASON

Coronation night's stellar cele bration was designed to honor ou Miss Dillard, Kimberly Anne Gea son, charming daughter of Mr. Al bert Geason and Ms. Kathering Geason.

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A native of St. James Parish, Miss Geason has earned many honors and achievements during her tenure as a Dillard student. She is a Dana/Hearst Scholar; she participated in the PMAC (Preparing Minorities for Academic Careers) program at Duke University during the summer of 1993, as well as the Alexander Crummell Seminar at Boston University in the summer of 1992.

She has been recognized as an All American Scholar, and is a



Miss Dillard University 1993-94, Miss Kimberly Geason

member of Alpha Chi Honor Society. Miss Geason is a National Deans' List student and was a student body spokesperson during Black History Month in 1992. In 1990, she joined ten other committed Dillard students to form the Homeless Poor Project on Dillard's campus.

Miss Dillard ultimately aspires to teach and to write. Her short-term goal is to earn the MA and Ph.D. degrees.

Miss Geason combines a commitment to make a contribution to the betterment of the human race with a rare combination of royal grace and decency, natural intelligence, and ebony beauty.



CLOCKWISE: Sophomore Attendant Kimberly Smith (escort, Thomas Harris), Senior Attendant Nicole Verrett (escort, Robert Perry), Junior Attendant Ericka McMillan (escort, Robert Edwards), Freshman Attendant Nathelle Daniels (es

# ROYALTY!!

### ELEGANCE!

### STYLE!!



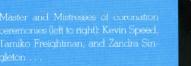
The Dillard University Royal Highness and her court ...





Miss Dillard and her tather, Mr. Albert Geason . . .





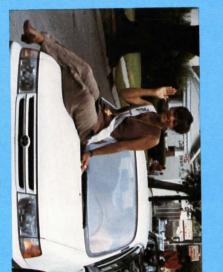




# HOMECOMING























BANNER RENT A CAR

The Student Government Association

# Dillard University

cordially invites you to the Coronation of

# Miss Kimberly Ann Geason

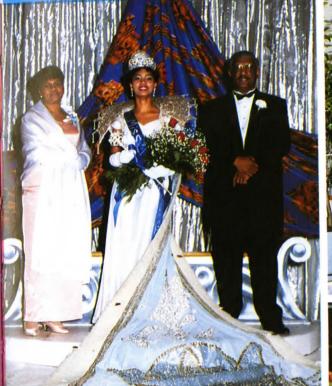
"Miss Dillard" 1993-1994 on Friday, October 15, 1993

Albert W. Dent Hall Eight o'clock in the evening

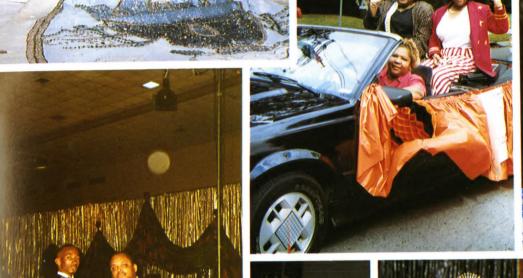
Semi-formal Attire





























# Why are young African-Americans so taken with Malcolm Xas an icon and a leader?

They see a person who speaks honestly about a reality that hasn't changed so much. (They are) not looking to follow him because they understand you can't follow a dead man. But you can look at a person and learn, and I think that's what they're

-Orlando Bagwell (as printed in Newsweek, Jan. 31, 1994)

Now that I have your attention, (sorry I had to trick you, but I knew that this would do it), I'd like to tell you about something that happened to me last year. Wanna hear it, here it go!! .

Most of us, here at DU, have had to read the Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley. We've had to read it in an English Class or in history. Well, unfortunately, I didn't have those classes. I was going to read it though (Really, I was!). But guess what?!? The movie came out.

Hey, I thought, why not cram hours of reading into a three hour movie. So, some friends and I hopped the RTA (it's not just a ride, it's an adventure) and we went to "The PIT".

As we all know (or rather us unfortunates), the PIT shows movies after they've been out for a

while. So, sitting in the theater (if you want to call it that), I had the misfortune to see the movie with people that had already seen it. I couldn't really enjoy the movie because they were talking through it.

So, sitting in the movie theater, thoroughly disgusted and ready to go, something flashed on the screen. I couldn't tell what it was, but to this day, I think it was something subliminal.

Well, anyway, from then on I was totally engrossed in the movie. I sat there watching, watching, taking it all in. When the movie was over, I was thinking, just thinking.

I was trying to recall, when in my school life, (which is all my life) had I heard

of Malcolm X, and I couldn't do it. could not even remember hearing of

I had heard about Dr. King, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, etc. All of these Black heroes, and I could not ever remember hearing of Malcolm X. I couldn't get over it.

Back at school, I was totally useless. I don't even remember how I got back to school that night. My mind (the 10% that I use) was occupied. No Vacancies!!

I couldn't even go to sleep that night. I kept wondering why was I in the dark about this man, his philosophies, his religion, his dreams, and his struggles. Why was I in the

It was later on that night, early part of the morning, that I realized why. I didn't want to know. I had purposely pushed all this ... This darkness became a reality. The lie became my lie ...

truth, all this "light" into a dark void, way in the back of my mind. I like so many people had consciously shut out that part of life, a life filled with struggle and anguish. I didn't want to know about it, I didn't want to face it. I was a "coward" living in a lie, just like millions of other "African-Americans" around this U.S. of A., that had been passed on down through the generations.

Just by looking at a movie, by looking at a film of a man I had never and will never know, this lie, this darkness became a reality. The lie then became my lie. A lie that I had no idea what to do about.

So what did I do? What did I do to bring the lie that I called my life out of the darkness and into the light? I did what I had put off doing for so long. I took that first step of discovering truth. I read his story.

I read about this man and his life to see or at least try to see all that he saw. And as I read, the lie that had been hidden from me by me came more and more into focus.

I read about how a child that was born into a bad situation, became a hero amongst his own people at the time heroes were needed most. I read about a young boy who became a Man amongst men. I read about a disillusioned young man who became a dream to the dreamless and a light to the blind. I read about a man with no hope who brought new hope to the masses, to the hopeless.

I read about Malcolm X, a professor of truth, light, and wisdom. I read about this man, who exposed the lies we, as a people, had been living and still are living today.

I know my story is different from everyone else's, or maybe it isn't. My purpose of writing this story was not to preach to anyone, or try to convince anyone of something. All I ask is that as we remember and

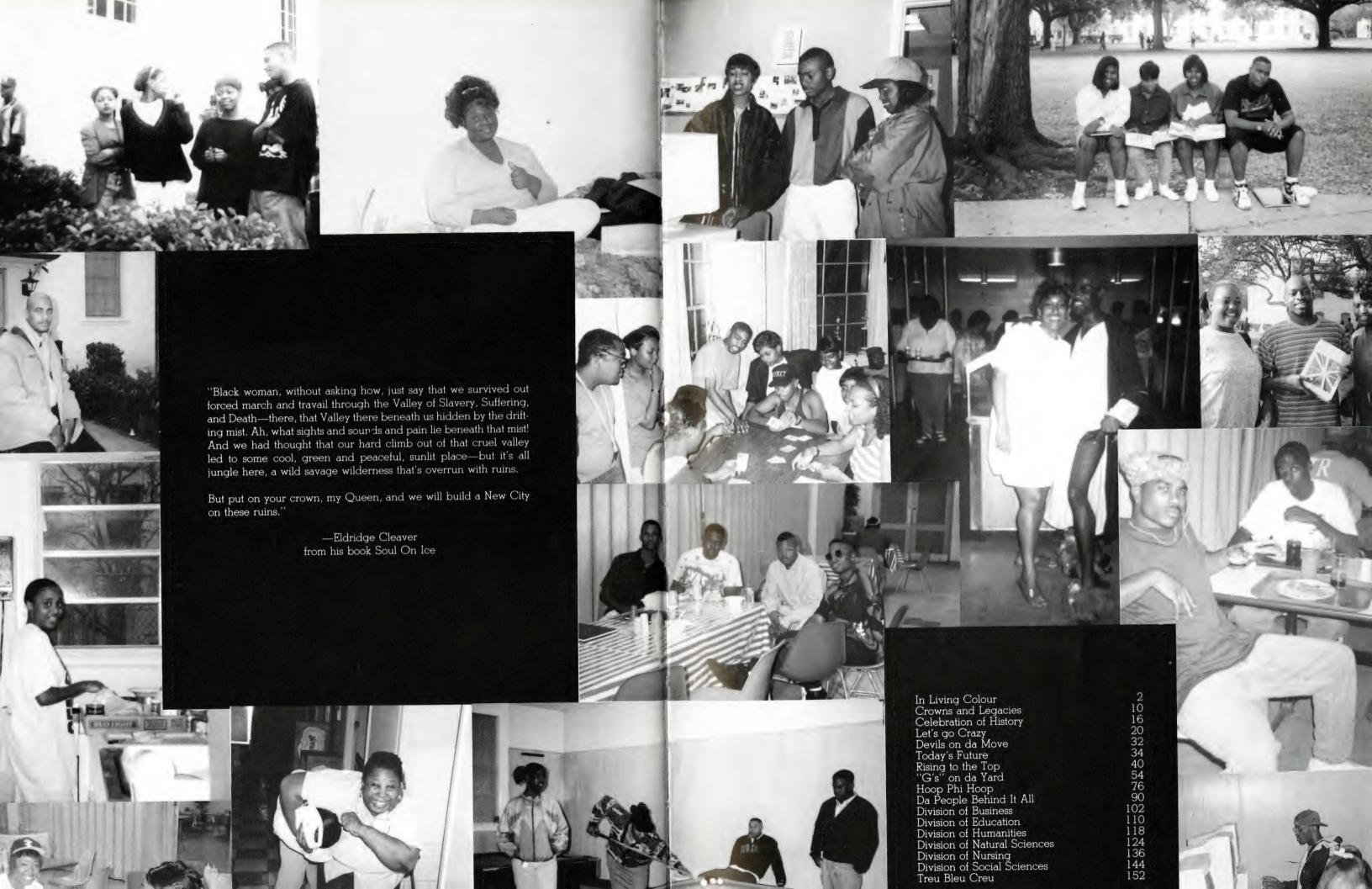
honor heroes of our past, of our present, and of our future, that we remember that young boy who became a Man, that we remember Malcolm X and honor his memory as a man whose message of truth shall be with us always. —"Mitch"

"... However much we may have differed with him—or with each other about him and his value as a man, let his going serve only to bring us together, now. Consigning these mortal remains to earth, the common mother of all, secure in the knowledge that what we place in the ground is no more now a man-but a seed—which, after the winter of our discontent will come forth again to meet us... And by in honoring him, we honor the best in ourselves . . .

—Eulogy by Ossie Davis

"... Sometimes I have dared to dream to myself that one day, history may even say that my voice ... helped to save America from a grave, possibly even a fatal catastrophe... And if I can die having brought any light, having exposed any meaningful truth that will help to destroy the racist cancer that is malignant in the body of America, then all of the credit due to Allah. Only the mistakes have been mine ..."

-Malcolm X







# Preparing for our futures

# Careers Fair



Getting information on how to be a success in the jobs market.



Getting information for the future.

Students get to talk with representatives and get lots of information about different fields.





Always willing to be supportive, *Black Collegian* Representatives pass out tips and handbooks.

Representatives from throughout America and students from all majors visit Dillard's Careers Fair.







Making a good impression on a represent Information for all fields. tative could mean a good job when you

# Fun and Food

# Food Festival



Students enjoy all aspects of the 14th Annual International Food Festival sponsored by the Dillard Auxiliary and Dillard University.

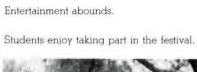


People from all over came to enjoy Dillard's hospitality.

Even kids enjoy the fest.













More fun at Dillard.

To Stephanie, Stephanice, Aaris, and Marlana. "May the stationwagon live on!"

### Love Erica

G<sup>3</sup>, congratulations to the best fron door in the world.

### Love E-Mac

To Jeanette and Erika, Let's just flooooow out of here in '95.

### Tav

Wuz up! I wanna send a shout out to my girls, especially you, Dana. Take care and peace out!

### Belinda Campbell

To my brothers and all my friends I love y'all and I'm glad we'll be back together again.

### Kecia Lash

I'd like to give a shout-out to next years Devilettes. I wish them lots of success in the coming season, HOOP PHI!!! HOOP!!!

### Donna L. Walker

To my homies back in Chicago, and my family, because I know they miss me.

### Brianna Smith

I'd like to give a shout out to the Devasting Debonairs KT, RE, AF (ha! ha!) the PIB's FE & TA, SB, KK, & all my homies—you know who you are. And a special and loving shout out to HFP!!

### Anika Bowles

To all of my Hoop-Phi sisters & brothers, I have enjoyed these two or so years that we have spent together. So until we bounce a ball again, keep leaping. As always,

### Bay Bay #22

What's up to my GGC's yall still in there!

Ain't nothing else yall would rather do than be a part of the Gangster Girl Crew! Get em up GG's

### LaJuana Ellis

It's a money pit!!

Janay Harper

I pretty much like it considering it's my first year. It's much different and more freedom.

### Derek Robinson

"The Professors here at Dillard really care about your education.

### Gretchen Phillips

"Dillard is like a tree; freshmen are the seeds who hope one day to sprout like the seniors."

### Ena Logan

"I'd like to send a shout out to the Mass Comm crew, Lerone Clucky, and Dionne C. Dee. See vall in two years!"

### **Anthony Montgomery**

I want to send a shout-out to my parents Mary Louise Elmore and Royal Roosevelt and my 2 sisters Tracey Adesegun and Karen Johnson and most of all the Good Lord above for being there for me. Thank you.

### Kelly Johnson

I would like to send a shout out to the Texas posse at D.U., and my boys from 95-South-"Whoot there it is!"

### Karla Floyd

Always have faith in God and he will see you through.

### Angela Goodman

I'd like to send a shout-out to all of my home team from Shreveport, LA!.

### Keidra Harris

I would like to say waz up to my friends at D.U., my homies and my pookie at S.U.

### Racquel Francis

I'd like to give a shout-out to all the people from Baton Rouge and to all the students at D.U.

### Kimberly Milson

I'd like to send a shout out to my buddies from Lafayette, LA.

### Shannon Phillips

To the one I want! Stay Sweet Babe! A.T.S.

I wanna give a shout out to a Dillard squirrel that chased me all the way to Rosenwald. If I see you again, it's on!!

### The Squirrelminator

"The wise shall inherit glory, but shame be the legacy of fools."—Proverbs 3:35

### Andrew Randall

"When life has got you down and you feel all hope is gone, tell a joke,"

### April Rasmus

"Whaz-up! to my girlz—Treece, Eureka, Venus, Christina, Jackie, Vanessa, Alecia, Connie, Veronda, and all my love ones—we are ALL in the FAMILY! Happiness to us all."

### Reca

"To my one and only Clint Robinson, much love always, and to Ms. Whitaker, Nellie, Nikki, Steph and Shun.

### Takisha Robinson

"A gun and a kind word goes a lot further than a kind word alone."

### Dalion Sadler

"To the MEN of Dillard, put the boys away and get ready for dinner.'

### Kijhana Session

"Brothers and sisters, let us remember that although we remain in America, we are still African."

### Jawanza Shango

"To all of the females of the class of 96 (Kenya. Erika H., Erica J., Marquisa, Shawn & Chaundra) & myself. Let's do this girls. I love yall!"

### Shadawn N. Shaw

Joel: "Wants to send a shout out to all the guys from M.C. cause yall in this mutha. And I can't forget the 2 beautiful black M.C.'s: Lakita & Cherica."

### Joel Smith

"What's up to the RTA posse!"

### Kara Stirson

"I would like to send a shout out to my girl Shema and KiKi, keep kickin it. Love ya!"

### Kendra D. Thomas

"I send a shout out to my girls Gelaire, Tanzania, Janay and Cece."

### T. Walt

"Just a simple THANKS to the most wonderful people in my World! Mom, Dad, and my Angels (Rance, Shantel and Shanita)," Love,

### Rachal C. Weary

"I want to send a shout out to "The Family" (Thelma, Miko, V., and Mecca). A H-O-O-P to the Hoop Phi and to Cookie, Nicole, Kendra, Erika, Shadawn, Kenya, Aris, and Lana."

### Tiffany Whitaker

"Dillard University's Class of '96 is on the map!" "Dillard University is the best of the best!"

### Danielle Williams

"I propose that there should be more Reggae CD's in the juke box in the cafeteria, especially Bob Marley.'

### D. Wilson

"To all the Dillard University students, I bid you success."

"Good luck—Ursula Betts, Tonya Bell, Lajauna Ellis and Lionel Burns."

### Rochelle Woods

"I'm glad I did unto others before they got me." Tonvah Burris

"Dillard is a place where hopes and dreams can be fulfilled or destroyed."

### Roeshunya Crawford

"Much love and thanks to my Dillard University Family."

### Kimberly Geason

"I'd like to thank my mother and grandmother for the sacrifices they made to put me through Dillard. I LOVE you both."

### Tiffany Hawkins



# Home Away From Home

# Duke Devils?!?!



Dillard, No, Duke Blue Devil Michelle A. Joubert



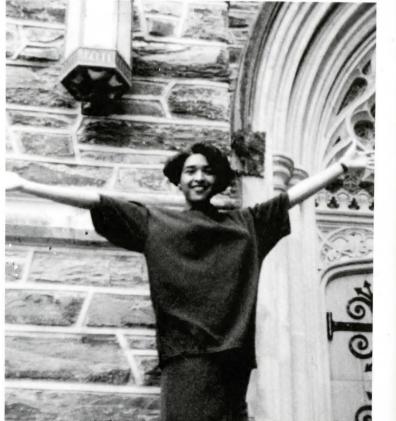
Spending the Spring semester at Duke was a challenging and exciting time for 3 Dillard Devils.

A regular Duke student????





Kyra Blunt strikes a pose for the people back at Dillard Janay Harper, on top of the world







Chillin' at the top.

Michelle, Dr. Jacqueline Looney—Coordinator of the G.E. Fellows program, Janay, and Kanika Raney of Spelman College.

# Graduating Class of 1994

# Commencement Weekend



Dillard's 125th Class





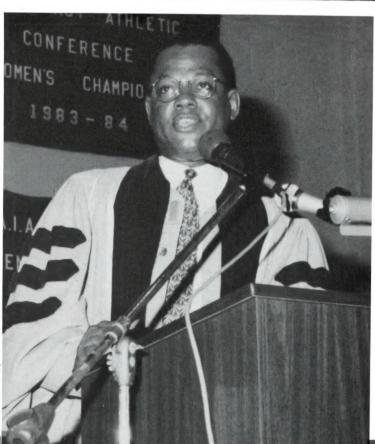
Enjoying their last days together. Welcome our new Alumni.

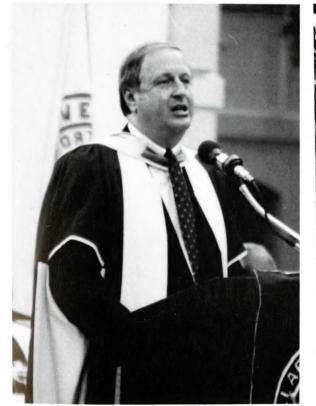




Pres. Samuel DuBois Cook presents Tiffany Hawkins with the Benjamin E. Mays—Samuel DuBois Cook Presidential Scholarship Award.

Dr. Calvin O. Butts, Ill, senior pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, presents the Commencement Address.







Dr. Roger W. Ireson, general secretary, Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN delivers the Baccalaureate Address.

"I am finally breaking out of here and taking no prisoners. Good luck to everyone else."

### Bella B. Raphael

"What's up to MOMS . . . This one is for you. And Peace out to all my brothers (you know who you are) *Keep traveling!!* 

### Rick-Man

"See ya—and I wouldn't wanna be ya!"

### Daphne Scott

"Veni, Vidi, Vici."

"To all my friends, you know who you are. Live long and be prosperous and believe in yourself. Love always & God bless."

### Michele Stewart

"It was a long hard expensive struggle, but worth it. I'm glad its over though.—Peace."

### Cassandra D. Wilson

"Dillard will broaden the mind of a simple man."

### Aleshia Sylvain

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

### Anita Washington

"Dillard is a very prestigious school and has contributed to my educational knowledge tremendously."

### Darcel Gibson

"Dillard is what you make of it, for better or for worse."

### Chinika McMillian

"Dillard is a place where greatness begins."

### Eric Reese

"Dillard is an experience I'll never forget."

Jaidah Wilson

"Dillard gives you what you put into it."  $\,$ 

### **Amy Ruffin**

"Life is what you make it; success or failure depends on you."

### Eshiqita Everidge

"To all my girls, Demetri, LaKeithia, Tamala, and

Chante, and to my three sweeties, Perry, Shawndell, and Will: Lay back, relax and just kick it."

### Tareze Fontenot

"Dillard has some of the most beautiful women in New Orleans."

### Flynn Forte/E.M.

"Shout out to Williams Hall Posse of 1993-1994."

### Carmen Franks

"Shout out to my BESTES FRAND, Tanzania—Your better half."

### Gelaire Gibson

"Sincere gratitude and appreciation to my Dillard Family for all your love and support, especially the class of 1995."

### Cassandra Goings

"Dillard is a very prestigious school that needs more interesting programs."

### Orenthal J. Goudia

"Say no! to negativity!"

### Kezia Haney

"To my mom, Mr. Tee, my grandmother, brothers, J-Rock, Irving Jr., all my family and friends back home in New Iberia, and last but not least to the love of my life—Patricia Williams, love you all."

### Marcus Harris

"What up to my DOD brothers. Let's get a case and chill."

### Terry K.C.

"I'd like to say Hi to all my girls at home and all of my girls here. Belinda, I really love you as a roommate."

### Dana Harry

"I would like to tell all students to get their moneys worth!"

### Darrell Hartley

"Shout out to the Junior Class of '94 especially the off-campus people."

### Nathashalena Hathronx

"Dillard, like New Orleans, is like no other place

## DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill, When the funds are low, and the debts are high And you want to smile, but you have to sigh When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
That you must not quit.